

spent several years as a Special Assistant to Pennsylvania Governor Ed Rendell. Eventually he formed his own political consulting firm leading successful campaigns across the country. Mr. Fleet also served as a Senior Advisor to City of Philadelphia Controller Jonathan Sidel.

His unique mix of local, state, national political experience gives him exceptional insight into the U.S. electoral system.

Please join me in commending the outstanding service of Mr. Jamie P.D. Fleet, II, to the Congress of the United States and congratulating him on his new position as Chief of Staff to Senator CANTWELL of Washington. We wish you well in all your future endeavors.

RECOGNIZING THE VOLUNTEERS
FOR PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY
NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 26, 2013

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the volunteers for Prince William County Neighborhood Services.

The dedicated volunteers for Prince William County Neighborhood Services are an essential part of the Neighborhood Services Division. They support a tireless effort to preserve and enhance our neighborhoods by facilitating resident input and involvement. This strategic partnership promotes civic responsibility, neighborhood collaboration and government responsiveness.

It is my honor to enter into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD the names of the volunteers for Prince William County Neighborhood Services: Jason Byrd; Stephanie Donahue; Jim Hollis; Nikki Hunt; Carl Hunt; Karen Lyle; Amy McGowan; Eileen Settlemeyer.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in commending the volunteers for Prince William County Neighborhood Services for their service and in thanking them for their dedication to neighborhood beautification in our community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 26, 2013

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, on Thursday June 20, 2013, during a rapid succession of two-minute votes, I mistakenly voted 'aye' for rollcall No. 281.

This amendment seeks to dismantle the U.S. sugar program, which has operated successfully for decades at no cost to taxpayers, and provides a stable supply of sugar for Americans at affordable prices. Doing away with the U.S. sugar program would cost thousands of jobs, destabilize the U.S. sugar supply, and would not result in a discernible change in the price of sugar for Americans. The price of sugar continues to drop, and is currently at its lowest level in a decades. Passage of this amendment does nothing to decrease the price of sugar, and will only assist companies to offshore jobs, cut labor and

health care costs, and leave American farmers penniless.

Supporters of this amendment complain about high prices for sugar. Yet restaurants give sugar away and that one can buy a five-pound bag of sugar for almost nothing. This amendment will do nothing to create a free market for sugar and will only subject the U.S. to distorted world sugar markets that will cost farmers their livelihoods and American jobs.

IN HONOR OF ROYAL SPRING
MIDDLE SCHOOL

HON. ANDY BARR

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 26, 2013

Mr. BARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Royal Spring Middle School in Georgetown, Kentucky, and to congratulate them on being named one of the top performing middle grades schools in the country. Royal Springs Middle School will be recognized with 119 other high-performing schools from across the nation as a School to Watch by the National Forum to Accelerate Middle-Grades Reform at their annual conference June 27–30, 2013 in Arlington, Virginia.

Through the Schools to Watch initiative, the National Forum identifies schools across the United States that are well on their way to meeting the Forum's criteria for high performance—schools that challenge all students academically, are sensitive to the unique developmental challenges of early adolescence, and provide every student with high-quality teachers, resources, and support.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in commending the Royal Spring Middle School for its commitment to its students and in congratulating the school on this well-deserved recognition. I would like to extend my personal appreciation to the Royal Spring Middle School for not only improving the lives of its students, but also bettering our Commonwealth.

RECOGNITION OF THE HONORABLE
PAOLO COSTA

HON. LORETTA SANCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 26, 2013

Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the Honorable Paolo Costa, the Special Government Commissioner for the enlargement of the United States military installation at Del Din in Vicenza, Italy. Honorable Costa was appointed by the President of Italy as a Special Commissioner and was responsible for overseeing the Del Din project. The Del Din project resulted from a major U.S. Army restructuring plan that called for the relocation of two additional battalions from Germany to Italy by 2013. This expansion would increase troop levels from 2,400 to 4,200 soldiers in Italy. Unfortunately, this expansion was met with strong resistance from local leaders as well as the Italian population.

Without the hard work and persistence of the Honorable Paola Costa, the Del Din

project would not have succeeded, impacting the mission and also the service members of the United States military. For the last five years, Mr. Costa was able to work with various groups, protestors, students and local government officials ensuring the successful construction of the expansion ultimately providing housing for the Sky Soldiers of the 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team. Mr. Costa understood the importance of this expansion to the U.S.-Italian long-term strategy. Despite the significant challenges, Mr. Costa stood firm in his vision and unwavering in his commitment to the U.S.-Italy alliance by bringing the Del Din project to reality.

The Honorable Paola Costa's contributions are indispensable to the success of our Infantry, our Army and our Nation. I am extremely honored to recognize the Honorable Paola Costa and his tremendous accomplishments and commitment to the U.S.-Italy alliance.

HONORING LILLIAN EDWARDS

HON. BILL FLORES

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 26, 2013

Mr. FLORES. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to honor Lillian Edwards, one of our nation's selfless veterans, who will be turning 100 on July 18th. In addition to serving our country during World War II, she spent a lifetime as an educator and serving her community.

Lillian is a native of Marion, Louisiana, and at the age of 15 completed high school. She then went on to work on numerous advanced degrees. She graduated from Louisiana Tech University in 1933 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Science and a teaching certificate. In 1940, she received her Master of Science in Physical Education from Louisiana State University, and in 1950 she achieved a Master of Public Health from the University of North Carolina.

As a teacher, Lillian taught at Farmerville High School and Mansfield High School in Louisiana.

In 1942, Lillian entered the Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service (WAVES) in the U.S. Navy. She then served our nation for two and a half years as a Naval communications officer. For her service she earned a World War II Victory Ribbon and American Theater Ribbon Work Experience.

A year after returning from service, Lillian joined the Louisiana Public Health Department and was the first woman in the U.S. to receive her job training before she received her Master in Public Health. In 1956, she moved to Monroe and became the regional health educator, serving 28 North Louisiana parishes.

Lillian has served on a number of committees and boards, including the Louisiana Public Health Association, the American Public Health Association, the Louisiana Conference of Social Workers, the Louisiana Mental Health Association, and the Ouachita Council for the Aging.

In anticipation for her 100th birthday, I pay tribute to Lillian Edwards for her service to her